

LIQUOR ADVISORY BOARD
Tuesday, March 16, 2010
6:00 P.M. – City Council Chambers
Rockford City Hall, 425 East State Street

Present:

LAB Members: Aaron Magdziarz
Alicia Neubauer
Dan Roszkowski
Scott Sanders
Craig Sockwell

Absent: Julio Salgado

Staff: Todd Cagnoni, Deputy Director - Construction Services Division
Sandra Hawthorne, Administrative Assistant
Jon Hollander, City Engineer - Public Works
Mark Marinaro – Fire Prevention Division

Others: Kathy Berg, Stenographer
Applicants and Interested Parties

Sandra Hawthorne explained the format of the meeting will follow the Boards Rules of Procedure generally outlined as:

The Chairman will call the address of the application.

- The Applicant or representative are to come forward and be sworn in.
- The Applicant or representative will present their request before the Board
- The Board will ask any questions they may have regarding this application.
- The Chairman will then ask if there are any Objectors or Interested Parties. Objectors or Interested Parties are to come forward at that time, be sworn in by the Chairman, and give their name and address to the Liquor Advisory Board secretary and the stenographer
- The Objector or Interested Party will present all their concerns, objections and questions to the Applicant regarding the application.
- The Board will ask any questions they may have of the Objector or Interested Party.
- The Applicant will have an opportunity to rebut the concerns/questions of the Objector or Interested Party
- No further discussion from the Objector or Interested Party will occur after the rebuttal of the Applicant.
- The Board will then discuss the application and a vote will be taken.

It was further explained to the public in attendance, applicants, objectors and interested parties that this meeting is not a final vote on any item. The date of the Codes & Regulations meeting was given as Monday, March 29, 2010 at 4:30 PM in Conference Room A of this building as the second vote on these items. The public in attendance, applicants, objectors and interested parties were instructed that they could contact Sandra Hawthorne in the Zoning Office for any further information and that her phone number listed on the top of the agenda which was made available to all those in attendance. The City's web site for minutes of this meeting are listed on the agenda as well.

The meeting started at 6:00 P.M. A **MOTION** was made by Alicia Neubauer to **APPROVE** the minutes of the February 17th meeting as submitted. The **MOTION** was **SECONDED** by Craig Sockwell and **CARRIED** by a vote of 4-0 with Aaron Magdziarz abstaining as he was absent from the February meeting and Julio Salgado absent.

10-LAB-002

Applicant
Ward 3

1320 North Main Street

Zarqa Ghalib Chandric d/b/a Green Market, Inc.

Sale of packaged liquor in conjunction with a gas station and convenience store in a C-3, General Commercial Zoning District

The subject property is located on the west corners of the King Street, Reynolds Street and North Main Street intersections and is currently a gas station with convenience store. Abdul Anjum, representing the Applicant, reviewed the request for sale of packaged liquor. The Applicant is the wife of Mr. Anjum. He provided background on his experience in management and customer service, referencing previous convenience stores he has managed. He explained that he and his wife own two other gas stations and have now purchased the subject property.

Acting on behalf of Legal Council, Mr. Cagnoni stated he did not have any questions for Mr. Anjum. Mr. Sanders mentioned that he did not see any conditions as to the limitations to the size or single bottles of alcohol. Staff explained not all applications have this condition. The Board felt that conditions regarding window signage and the sale of rose tubes as previously applied to other convenience store applications should be applicable to be consistent. Mr. Sanders was comfortable with leaving the bottle size as stated.

Mr. Cagnoni explained that signage will be limited to 30% and that Staff was comfortable adding the suggested conditions to the application.

Staff Recommendation was for Approval with 5 conditions. No Objectors or Interested Parties were present.

A **MOTION** was made by Aaron Magdziarz to **APPROVE** the sale of packaged liquor in conjunction with a gas station and convenience store in the name of Zarqa Ghalib Chandric d/b/a Green Market, Inc. in a C-3, General Commercial Zoning District at 1320 North Main Street with added conditions 6 and 7. The Motion was **SECONDED** by Scott Sanders and **CARRIED** by a vote of 5-0.

Approval is subject to the following conditions:

1. Meet all applicable Building and Fire Codes.
2. Compliance with all City of Rockford Liquor Codes.
3. The sale of alcohol shall be limited to the interior of the convenience store that was submitted.
4. The hours of operation will be limited to 5:00 AM to 12:00 Midnight Monday through Saturday.
5. The hours of operation will be limited to 11:00 AM to 12:00 Midnight Sunday.
6. Window display signage be limited to no more than 30% of the window area. No more than one third of the window signs (10% of the window area) shall be used to advertise the sale of alcohol products.
7. The sale of rose tubes, airplane-sized bottles and any other product which can be easily converted into a "crack pipe" is prohibited.

10-LAB-003

Applicant
Ward 3

200 North Church Street

Lisa Grentz d/b/a Swilligan's Pub

Sale of liquor by the drink in conjunction with a restaurant

Sale of liquor by the package in conjunction with a restaurant in a C-4, Urban Mixed Use Zoning District

The subject property is located on the northwest corner of North Church Street and Mulberry Road and is currently Swilligan's Pub, a restaurant and tavern. Tonya Redding, co-owner stated she and the Applicant are in the process of purchasing this business and a liquor license. In response to a question from Mr. Sanders, Ms. Redding stated they are in agreement with Staff conditions of approval.

Acting as Legal Council, Staff had no questions of the Applicant.

Ms. Neubauer had some questions regarding the fire suppression as discussed in the Staff Report. Mr. . Cagnoni explained the existing hood and duct work may be required to be updated due to recent updates in code. An inspection has not been done as yet, but it was presented in Staff's report to make the applicant aware this may be required.

Staff Recommendation was for Approval with 2 conditions. No Objectors or Interested Parties were present.

A **MOTION** was made by Aaron Magdziarz to **APPROVE** the Sale of liquor by the drink and sale of liquor by the package in conjunction with a restaurant in the name of Lisa Grentz d/b/a Swilligan's Pub in a C-4, Urban Mixed Use Zoning District at 200 North Church Street. The Motion was **SECONDED** by Scott Sanders and **CARRIED** by a vote of 5-0.

Approval is subject to the following conditions:

1. Compliance with the Liquor Ordinance
2. There shall not be a cover charge and the area designated for live entertainment shall not exceed 150 sq. ft.

With no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 6:22 PM

Respectfully submitted,
Sandra A. Hawthorne
Administrative Assistant
Liquor Advisory Board